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- 1. WE ARE SENDING A LETTER TO SALMAN HAIDER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT TODAY, BOTH TO PUT ON THE RECORD THE GIST OF HAIDER'S CONVERSATIONS WITH KREISBERG OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS AND TO BRING HIM UP TO DATE AND ASK FOR HIS FURTHER ASSISTANCE ON THE NON-MOVEMENT OF THE CASE. THE LETTER NOTES THAT THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOWB TOLD KREISBERG APRIL 21 THE GOWB WOULD NOT INTERPOSE ANY OBJECTION TO PROSECUTION ON A LESSER CHARGE, REFERS TO THE CHIEF MINISTER'S COMMENT TO THE AMBASSADOR MAY 12 THAT HE WAS STILL TRYING TO PERSUADE THE ADVOCATE GENERAL TO AGREE TO A LESSER CHARGE, INFORMS HAIDER THAT OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE PROSECUTION IS STILL CONTINUING ON THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT TRACK, AND ADVISES HIM ABOUT THE PRISONERS POSSIBLY RENEWING THEIR HUNGER STRIKE. COPY OF THE LETTER WILL BE SENT YOU BY CABLE (AND POUCHED NEA/INS) AFTER IT IS TRANSMITTED HERE.
- 2. YOU SHOULD REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH CHIEF SECRETARY AND EXPRESS YOUR CONCERN AND THAT OF EMBASSY THAT THE CASE, AND THE POSITION OF THE PROSECUTION, CONTINUES ALONG THE SAME LINES AS BEFORE, NOTE OUR APPRECIATION OF CHIEF SECRETARY'S ASSURANCES GOWB WOULD NOT OBJECT TO A CHANGE IN PLEA DURING CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNSELOR APRIL 21, EXPRESS STRONG HOPE THAT THIS PROBLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEM CAN BE RESOLVED SOON, AND ASK THE CHIEF SECRETARY IF THERE

IS ANYTHING YOU CAN REPORT TO THE EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT ON WHY THE PROSECUTION'S POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED. YOU MAY ALSO NOTE THAT EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT ON THIS MATTER THIS WEEK. SCHNEIDER

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